

## Biography Representative Frank Rasche

Born and raised in Paducah, Kentucky, State Representative Frank Rasche attended Paducah public schools. He met his future wife, Harolyn, at Paducah Tilghman High School, where they were both named Merit Scholars. They both graduated from Paducah Tilghman in 1964. Representative Rasche attended Vanderbilt University and graduated with a major in psychology and a minor in mathematics. He went on to teach eighth grade English for one year at Jettson Junior High School in Paducah. Following that, he completed graduate work at Murray State University, receiving a Master's degree in Spanish. Representative Rasche entered the family business in 1970 and remained there until 2004.

While working in the family business, Representative Rasche was elected to the Paducah Independent School Board in 1978, where he served for over 12 years and was eventually named chairman. In 1991 he resigned from the school board to begin a run for the seat in the Kentucky House of Representatives held by the retiring Albert Jones. Representative Rasche was successful in his bid and was elected in 1992. He has served in the Kentucky House of Representatives for nearly 15 years, under four different administrations. Representative Rasche was appointed chair of the House Education Committee in 1999. He also serves on the Banking and Insurance and Judiciary committees. For one biennium Representative Rasche served as chair of the Justice Corrections Budget Review Subcommittee of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Harolyn Rasche has taught French at Paducah Tilghman High School, Paducah Community College, and Murray State University; and mathematics at Paducah Middle School and Paducah Tilghman High School in Paducah. Their four sons graduated from Princeton University, Oklahoma Christian University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville. Two of their sons are electrical engineers; one is in Information Technology with a company in Louisville, Kentucky. One has a Master's degree in electrical engineering and an MBA; another is currently working on his MBA. All four sons participated, with their mother's coaching, in MathCounts in middle school. Three are married and living in Kentucky; all four have mortgages. Representative Rasche and Harolyn have been blessed with five grandchildren so far.